

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Junichi IMUTA, et al. Conf.: 1467
Appl. No.: 10/713,278 Group: 1713
Filed: November 17, 2003 Examiner: HARLAN
For: POLAR GROUP-CONTAINING OLEFIN COPOLYMER, PROCESS
FOR PREPARING THE SAME, THERMOPLASTIC RESIN
COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE COPOLYMER, AND USES
THEREOF

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: May 31, 2007

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of May 4, 2007.

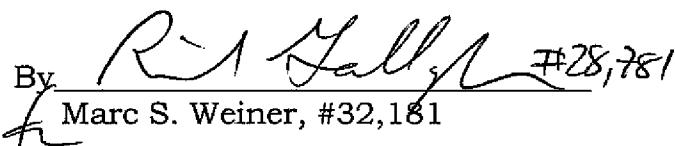
In the May 4, 2007 Office Action, Examiner Harlan indicated that his copy of the Amended Claim Set portion of Applicants' Amendment – which had been filed on February 8, 2007 – was illegible. In a telephonic discussion with Applicants' representative Richard Gallagher on May 29, 2007, Examiner Harlan indicated that even though the copy of the claims in 'private PAIR' (the online Patent Application Information Retrieval system) is legible, Applicants are required to supply the USPTO with a new copy of the Amendment in question.

Accordingly, in response to the Office Action of May 4, 2007, Applicants submit herewith a reprinted copy of the Amendment that was filed on February 8, 2007. The enclosed copy of the previously submitted Amendment differs therefrom with respect to the font in which the Amendment is printed. Action on the merits of the Amendment filed February 8, 2007 is earnestly solicited.

No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this response. If a fee is determined to be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

If there are any questions concerning the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at (703) 205-8008.

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Enclosure:

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